

December 11, 2015

City of Belmont

City Manager's Weekly Update



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Dec 15 Joint Planning Commission/City Council Meeting
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Jan 26 City Council Meeting

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Council Reorganization 2015

On Tuesday, December 8, 2015 Davina Hurt and Douglas Kim were sworn in as new Councilmembers. The Council also elected Eric Reed as Mayor, and Charles Stone as Vice Mayor for 2016. City Clerk Terri Cook and City Treasurer John Violet were also sworn in.



Beautiful Belmont Award Recipients

On Tuesday, the City Council recognized 5 recipients of the Beautiful Belmont Award. Since 2007, this program acknowledges property owners who have enhanced Belmont's community by making noticeable exterior improvements that have had a positive impact on the surrounding area. Congratulations to this year's award winners!

*Residential Category:*1469 Fifth Ave.1825 Hillman Way2445 Hallmark Ave.*Special Category:* Knolls of BelmontNesbit Elementary School – 500 Biddulph Way



Single-Family Home & Tree Regulation Updates

Follow-up Community Outreach Workshop – December 7, 2015

On Monday evening, the City held a successful follow-up Community Outreach Workshop for the Single-Family Home & Tree Regulation Updates project at the Belmont Senior & Community Center. Over 75 members of the Belmont community came to share their perspectives on the potential regulation updates.

After a brief presentation on the update purpose and process, and recap of the November 18th Community Workshop feedback/findings, attendees participated in small groups to continue the discussion regarding single family house size, parking, house design & neighborhood "fit", secondary dwelling units, trees, and improving the Single Family Design Review process. The small groups then reported their thoughts and suggestions for the potential regulation updates to the larger group.

Next steps for the project include processing the community feedback and then scheduling public meetings by the Planning/Parks & Recreation Commissions, and City Council to start review of the potential ordinance amendments in the first quarter of 2016.

For more information, updates, and to provide comments, please visit the project website: www.belmont.gov/remodel



Project Background

The City has been working on a more streamlined, affordable and predictable approval process for homeowners who would like to improve their single family homes. This effort was initiated in March 2014, and after more than 18 months of concentrated evaluation, significant public input, and numerous public meetings, modifications have been identified in the following general categories:

- Single Family Design Review Standards, General Regulations and Definitions
- Tree Protection Updates
- Parking Regulations
- Secondary Dwelling Unit Requirements
- Maximum Building Floor Area

The City's goals are to:

- Establish a fair, objective, and predictable process
- Expand oversight of projects and ensure adequate design and technical review
- Facilitate improvements to aging housing stock to meet the needs of growing families
- Ensure residential projects provide sufficient parking
- Comply with mandatory State requirements for secondary dwelling units
- Establish standards for review of tree permits and provide greater protection for healthy, native trees

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BELMONT VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN

The City of Belmont invites you to attend a joint study session
of the City Council and Planning Commission on:

**Tuesday December 15th - 6:30
PM**

**Belmont City Hall – City Council
Chambers**

**One Twin Pines Lane,
Belmont CA**

Please address questions to:

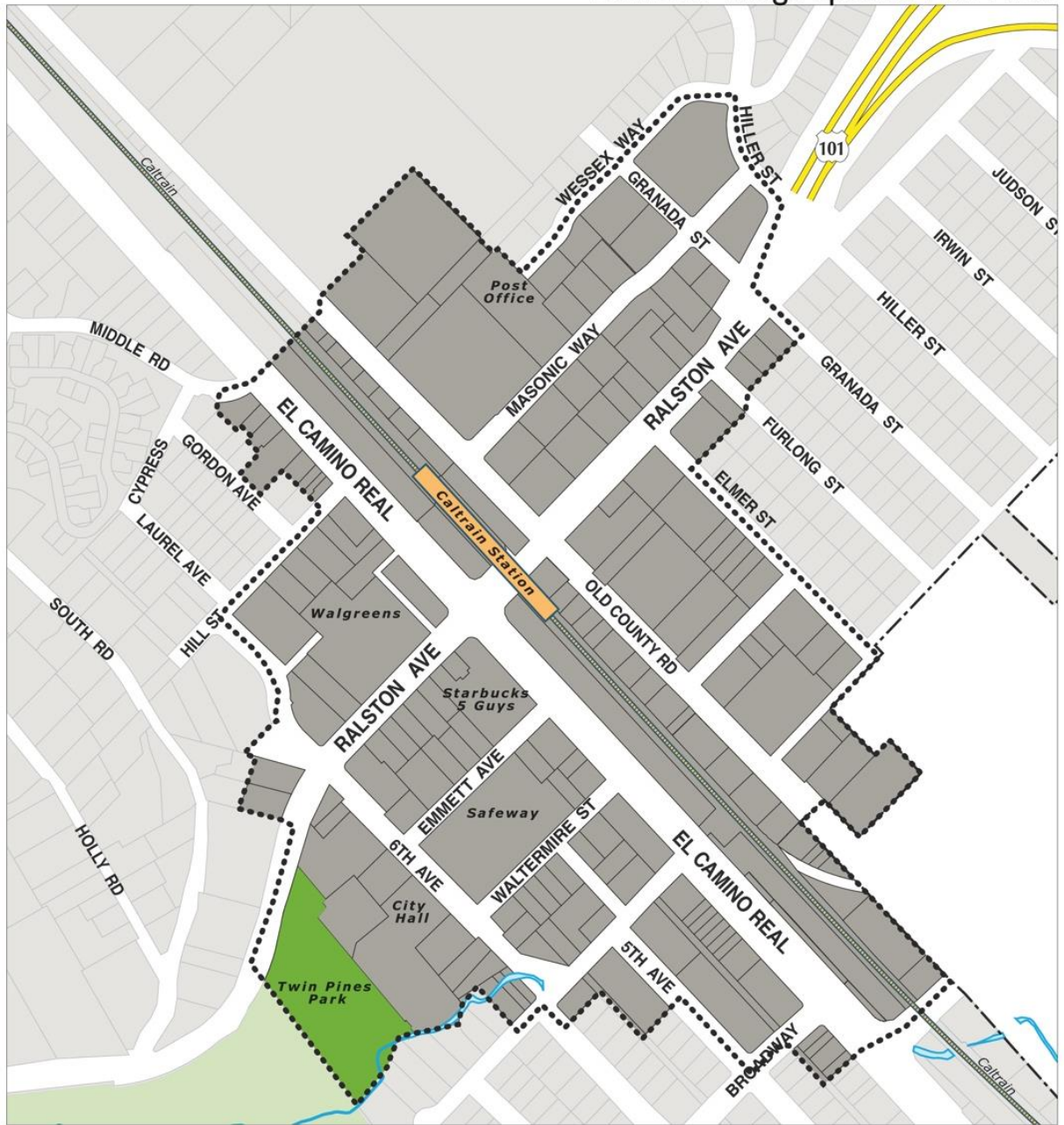
Please address questions to:

Carlos de Melo
Community Development Director
City of Belmont
(650) 595-7440
cdemelo@belmont.gov

For more information and/or to provide comments, you can also visit the project
website at:

www.planbelmontvillage.com

Belmont Village Specific Plan Area



Source: City of Belmont, 2015; Dyett & Bhatia, 2015.



- Belmont Village Specific Plan Area
- - - City Limits



POSTPONED-Walking/Biking Tour Public Meeting

The City's Walking/Biking Tour scheduled for Sunday December 13th has been postponed due to forecasted unfavorable weather conditions. To maximize participation the Walking/Biking Tour has been rescheduled to Sunday, January 24, 2016. For additional information on the Comprehensive Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan and to take our Bike and Pedestrian Survey, please visit the project [webpage](#).



CITY OF BELMONT
Comprehensive Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan

WALK & BIKE TOUR

POSTPONED!!

Belmont's Walk and Bike Tour for the Comprehensive Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan is postponed due to unfavorable weather conditions.

The original date of Sunday, December 13, 2015 is moved to:

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 24, 2016**



 For more information, visit www.belmont.gov/pedbikeplan

Public Safety

Belmont Fire Department Santa at the Firehouse & Toy Drive



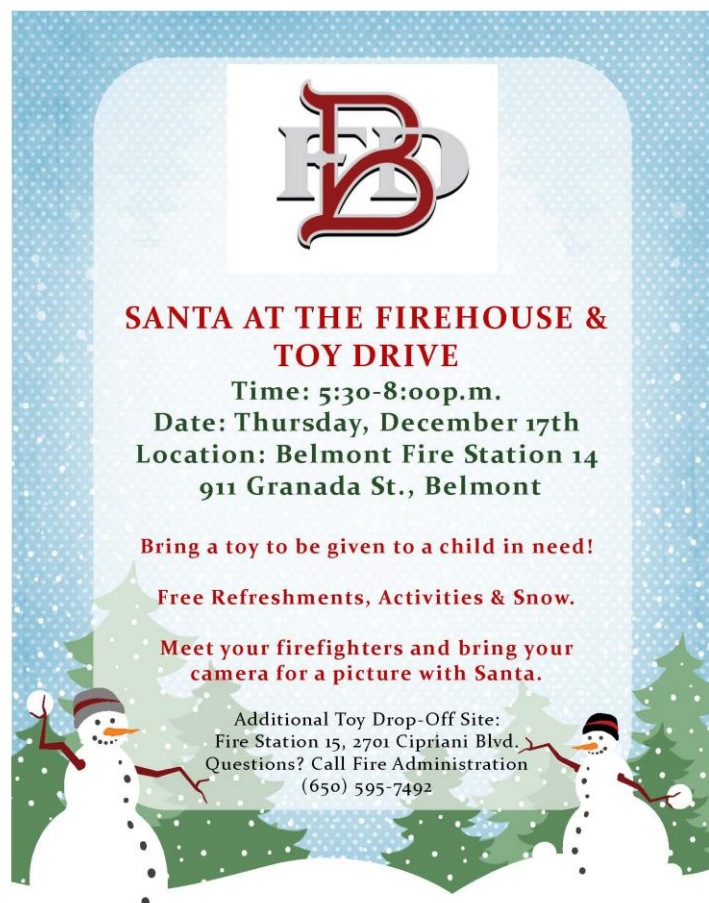
The Belmont Fire Department wants to remind residents that their annual Toy Drive for children in need is in full swing. As part of this effort the department will be hosting their annual Open House at Fire Station 14, located at 911 Granada Street on Thursday, December 17th, 2015 from 5:30 pm-8:00 pm. The event will include an opportunity to visit Santa, play in the snow tour the firehouse, meet your local firefighters and enjoy some refreshments. Although not required, people attending the open house are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy to support the toy drive.



Additionally, anyone wishing to donate toys between now and December 25th can drop them off at either of the two fire stations:

- Station 14- 911 Granada Street (corner of Granada St. & Ralston Ave.)
- Station 15- 2701 Cipriani Boulevard (corner of Cipriani Blvd. & Ralston Ave.)

We accept new, unwrapped toys such as dolls, puzzles, board games, toy trucks/cars and action figures. Please do not give DVD's or video games, as we never know what technology the child has access to. Also, we are unable to accept bicycles. For further information on the Belmont Firefighters Toy Drive please contact the Belmont Fire Department Administrative Office at (650) 595-7492.





Parks and Recreation

Community Learning Center



On December 3 the Community Learning Center had a Holiday party with each class performing three holiday songs, followed by a raffle to support our PTO, and a visit from Santa!

Recreation: Youth

During our VOICES meeting this week, we discussed our December service project. The teens will be making baby blankets and delivering them to a local hospital in need. We also allowed the teens to take a small mental break since they are in preparation for finals this coming week.

The library put on a Star Wars party night event where all ages were welcome. We had little ones come dressed in costume, a really sweet thing to see.



Recreation: Adults

The Twin Pines Senior & Community Center is on its way to ending the year with a bang! Starting with a Holiday Social with refreshments, and a piano and bass duo on Wednesday the 9th co-sponsored by NuevaCare and attended by ; then a wonderful Winter Gala with the Magnolia Jazz Band co-sponsored by HomeCare Professionals and Silverado Senior Living which has an expected guest list of about 100 attendees. On Tuesday the 15th will be the Holiday Lunch with Honey-glazed ham, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies and Dessert. Two volunteers from the community, Jim and his father Bob, are also offering free gift-wrapping on that same day. And finally, the Belmont Senior Club is hosting their own Holiday Luncheon at the San Mateo Elks Club on Wednesday the 16th.



Parks Maintenance



Fall maintenance was conducted at Alexander Park that included shrub and tree pruning. In the attached photo, ivy is removed from fencing and a cinder block wall. A prolific grower, Algerian ivy (*Hedera algeriensis*) is a non-native species that will grow quickly up vertical surfaces such as trees, fences and walls. Ivy clings to these surfaces with aerial roots called holdfasts

that can have tremendous strength, thus requiring regular maintenance to keep it under control.

Fall is in full swing and this evident throughout Belmont as the leaves from deciduous trees continue to fall. Staff has been busy collecting leaves throughout our parks and facilities. In the attached photos, leaves are collected from the Ginkgo trees in the meadow in Twin Pines Park. Also known as Maidenhair trees, in fall the leaves turn a brilliant golden yellow and brighten the meadow as the leaves blanket the lawn. The leaves must be collected in a timely fashion to minimize damage to the lawns and to capture the leaves before they end up the storm drains.



Turf repairs and maintenance is underway at the Sports Complex. On North Field, worn areas are being renovated and the infield has been fertilized. The red rock infields have been smoothed and graded to accommodate winter rains and minimize runoff. The infields will receive red rock in low areas in the next few weeks as the fields are prepared for the coming year.



CONTACT PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works 650-595-7425
(Engineering, Permits, Sewer, Streets, Storm water)

Sewer Backups 650-595-7425 M-F
650-595-7400 **AFTER HOURS**



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 Twitter.com/BelmontCA_PWORK
 Nextdoor.com



Sewer Division

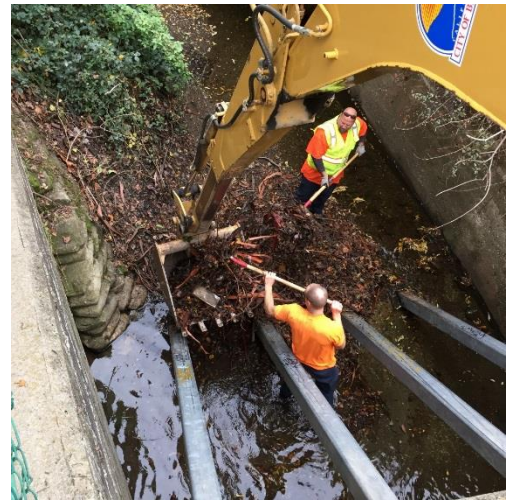
- Inspected and cleaned 11 sewer pump stations
- The service truck (205) responded to 6 service calls
- Checked and emptied 10 city garbage cans throughout the city
- Jetted (cleaned) 5,251 feet of sewer main
- Logged daily onsite pump runtime hours at all pump stations
- Closed out 18 sewer related Hansen work orders
- Setup new Mission Communications RTU alarms at Hastings sewer pump station and North Road sewer pump station
- Cleaned flushable wipes from debris catcher at Ralston Ranch Sewer Pump Station
- Assisted with street sweeping

- Video inspected 668 feet of sewer main
- Setup new Mission Communications RTU alarms at Hastings and North Sewer Pump
- Assisted with storm cleanup



Storm Division

- Performed twice-weekly inspection of Water Dog Lake dam, spillway, dock, roadway, and v-ditch
- Swept approximately 147 curb miles resulting in the collection of 11.9 tons of debris which would have otherwise found its way into waterways
- Cleaned and inspected Harbor and Ralston Storm Pump Stations
- Inspected and cleaned 19 storm "hot spot" areas throughout the city
- Cleaned 250 storm drain inlet tops following recent rainfall
- Cleaned 300 feet of v-ditch in the Hallmark/Benson area



Fill-Your-Own Sand Bag Locations



The City of Belmont has designated "fill your own" sites for residents in need of sandbags. Sand and bags are available anytime 7-days a week (shovels provided) at the following locations:

- **One Twin Pines Lane** (Rear of City Hall parking lot)
- **110 Sem lane** (Belmont Corporation Yard)
- **Barrett Community Center** (Parking lot off Ralston Avenue)

Residents, particularly those who live in areas that regularly experience some flooding, are strongly encouraged to pick up sandbags to ensure they are prepared for possible flooding. Residents may obtain up to 10 bags per Belmont address.

For more information call Public Works at 650-595-7425



Message brought to you by the Public Works Storm Division





Streets Division

- Marked out 25 Underground Service Alert tags
- Checked and restocked the sandbagging stations where needed
- Covered material bins at corporation yard
- Set anchor bolts and pour foundation
- Back filled and picked up debris
- Removed ½ ton of debris at headwall on Sixth at O'Neill
- Cleaned drain inlets and "hot spots" throughout the City
- Dug out to install conduit and foundation forms on Ralston at Cipriani



The Department of Public Works is currently conducting the annual city-wide red curb painting of existing red curb in residential neighborhoods. Repainting will be performed in scheduled sections of the city and will

continue until the repainting is complete.

*****Please note:** depending on the section "boundary", your property may be in one section and your neighbor in another, therefore the red curb repainting will happen on a different day. For further information, you may contact the Public Works Department at 650-595-7425.



Traffic Operations

- Weekly visual inspections for preventative maintenance of intersections
- Conducted visual inspection of lighted crosswalks
- Re-set delineators on Island parkway 3 times
- Installed 3 signs
- Replaced 6 signs
- Dug out ground to install conduit and foundation forms for service pedestal on Ralston at Cipriani
- Set anchor bolts and pour foundation
- Back filled and picked up debris
- Fabricated 3 new signs
- Installed new alarm functions at Island Park, North Road, San Juan, Haskins, and Hastings pump stations
- Cleaned drain inlets and "hot spots" throughout the City

Other Agency Reports/Events**Belmont-Redwood Shores School District
Community Meetings - Conceptual Designs of Facilities Expansion**

The Belmont-Redwood Shores School District invites you to community meetings to review and provide input for the conceptual designs of facilities expansion projects at Cipriani and Sandpiper Schools.

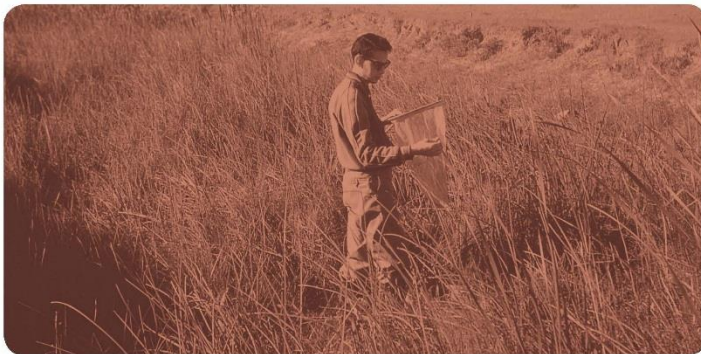
Cipriani Community Meeting at Cipriani School
2525 Buena Vista Avenue, Belmont
January 7, 6:30 pm

Sandpiper Meeting at Sandpiper Community Center
801 Redwood Shores Parkway, Redwood City
January 11, 6:30 pm

You are also invited to attend the school board's discussion of these plans at the board meeting on January 14, 2960 Hallmark Drive, Belmont, beginning at 6:15 pm. If you are unable to join a meeting, you can review designs and provide input via the district's website at brssd.org. Thank you for your interest and support.

San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control

Celebrating 100 years of public health



**Tuesday, January 26th, 3pm - 7pm
at 1351 Rollins Rd. in Burlingame**

- Children's activities
- Demonstrations and tours
- Insect displays
- Meet our staff



Community Calendars

Twin Pines Community Center







Twin Pines Senior & Community Center ~ December 2015 ~

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 <i>*Activities are subject to change. Please call 595-7444 to confirm.</i>	1 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Music Appreciation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:30 Classic Movie 12:30 Crafts Group 1:00 Sewing & Quilting Group	2 8:45 Strength Training 9:00 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Spanish Class 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:30 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	3 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Blockbuster Movie 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group 2:00 Movement & Memory (R)	4 9:30 Chair Yoga 10:40 Mandarin Conversation 12:30 BINGO
7 9:00 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Book Club 1:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	8 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Music Appreciation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:30 Pedro card game 12:30 Classic Movie 12:30 Crafts Group 1:00 Sewing & Quilting Group	9 8:45 Strength Training 9:00 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Spanish Class 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:30 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	10 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 11:30 Birthday Lunch (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Blockbuster Movie 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group	11 9:30 Chair Yoga 10:40 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Winter Gala with the Magnolia Jazz Band! 1:30 Ping Pong
14 9:00 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Ukulele Sing Along 10:00 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 *No Arthritis class 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video	15 8:30 Blood Pressure Clinic 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 10:00 Senior Club Meeting 10:00 Music Appreciation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:30 Classic Movie 12:30 Crafts Group 1:00 Sewing & Quilting Group	16 8:45 Strength Training 9:00 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Spanish Class 11:30 German Class 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:30 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle/Hearts	17 9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Blockbuster Movie 12:30 Bridge 1:00 Art Group	18 9:30 Chair Yoga 12:30 BINGO
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27	28 *(S) = Activities require Signing Up (R) = Activities require Registration with Parks & Recreation blank = Activities are drop-in	29	30	

Belmont Library Adult, Teen and Children's Activity Calendar





December 2015

At the Belmont Library *Adult and Teen Programming*
<http://www.facebook.com/smlbelmont>
 Listed on Reverse Side

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	KEY Red: Children's/Family Green: Teen Black: Adult Blue: All Ages	1 * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids Craft Club	2 * 7:00p Pajama Storytime	3 * 10:30a Toddler Storytime * 3:30p Imagination Playground * 7:00p A Fireside Visit with Charles Dickens	4 * 10:30a Preschool Storytime * 4:00p Science Club * 7:00p Friday First Flicks: <i>Inside-Out</i>	5 * 10:30a Family Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground
6 	7 * 10:30a Signs & Rhymes Storytime * 3:30p Lego Club * 3:30p Star Wars Party	8 * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids Craft Club	9 * 7:00p Pajama Storytime	10 * 10:30a Toddler Storytime * 11:00a Stay, Play, & Explore * 3:30p Imagination Playground	11 * 10:30a Preschool Storytime * 11:00a Stay, Play, & Explore * 4:00p Science Club	12 * 10:00a Holiday Open House and Book Sale * 10:30a Ukulele Storytime * 3:00p Holiday Music: Gabriel's Herald Trumpet Trio
13 	14 * 10:00a Winter Reading Starts * 10:30a Signs & Rhymes Storytime * 3:30p Lego Club	15 * 10:30a Musical Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 3:30p Kids Craft Club * 6:30p Paws for Tales	16 * 7:00p Favorite Holiday Poems and Songs	17 * 10:30a Toddler Storytime * 11:00a Stay, Play, & Explore * 3:30p Imagination Playground * 3:30p Star Wars Movie Marathon	18 * 10:30a Preschool Storytime * 4:00p Science Club	19 * 10:30a Family Storytime * 11:00a Imagination Playground * 2:00p Fratello Marionettes
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December 2015

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6 * 3:00p HaShirim: Jewish Music in Four Part Harmony	7 * 3:30p Star Wars Party	8 * 3:30p Teen Center Craft: Holiday Ornaments * 6:30p Documentary Film Club: <i>Keep On, Keepin' On</i>	9 * 10:30a Computer Coach * 3:30p Teen Gaming * 6:45p Needles & Hooks Needlework Group	10 * 10:00a ESL Conversation Club * 2:00p Mystery Book Grp: <i>Deal Breaker</i> * 4:00p TAG Meeting & Party * 6:30p Pub Style Trivia	11 * 10:00a Coloring and Coffee for Adults	12 * 10:00a Holiday Open House and Book Sale * 3:00p Holiday Music: Gabriel's Herald Trumpet Trio
13 * 2:30p Afternoon with Mystery Author Rhys Bowen * 5:15p Teen Study Night	14 * 10:00a Winter Reading Starts * 1:00p Gingerbread House Making Contest	15 * 1:00p Teen Center Food Tasting: Holiday Edition	16 * 10:30a Comp. Class: Internet for Beginners * 1:00p Teen Gaming * 6:45p Needles & Hooks Needlework Group * 7:00p Favorite Holiday Poems and Songs	17 * 10:00a ESL Conversation Club * 10:30a Teen Center Hangout: Breakfast and a Movie * 3:30p Star Wars Movie Marathon	18 * 10:00a Coloring and Coffee for Adults * 7:00p Reel Great Holiday Films: <i>Love Actually</i>	19 
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